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Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	Lewis, Aaron J.
Attorney Docket Number	EMER-102J

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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 FOR REMOVAL OF BRONCHO-PULMONARY
 SECRECTIONS WITH AUTOMATIC
 TRIGGERING OF INHALATION PHASE
 Examiner: Lewis, Aaron J.
 Group: 3743
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form PTO/SB/30 for the subject application and a check in the amount of \$385.00 for the fee for a small entity required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Citation in an Application Form PTO-A820 citing nineteen (19) references and a copy of one reference.

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